

WOMEN AT HAGUE CALL ON NEUTRAL LANDS TO MEDIATE

Peace Congress Votes to Urge Non-combatant World to Take Steps to Bring the War to an End.

MUST BE THE LAST CONFLICT

Resolution Passed to Effect Seas Be Open to Every Nation on Same Terms.

PERMANENT COMMITTEE FORMED

THE HAGUE, May 1.—(Via London.)—The International Congress of Women concluded its session here today. At the final meeting there was adopted a proposal to send delegations representing the congress to the president of the United States and to the heads of all the European powers for the purpose of demanding immediate cessation of the war.

Why We Are Here.
"We are here not only to talk, but to show the way to action," said Mrs. Schwimmer. "We wish to take positive steps to end this terrible war."

After the motion had been finally adopted, another resolution brought forward by Mrs. Schwimmer and Miss Julia Grace Wales of the University of Wisconsin was approved. The resolution reads:

"The International Congress of Women resolves immediately to ask neutral countries to take steps to create a conference of neutrals, which without delay shall offer continuous mediation by inviting suggestions for a settlement from each of the belligerents and by substituting to all of them simultaneously reasonable proposals as a basis for peace."

Mrs. Fannie Andrews of Boston read a manifesto covering all the points dealt with by the congress. This manifesto, which will be issued among women throughout the civilized world, declares that "this must be the last war."

Committee Formed.
A permanent international committee was formed. It will make recommendations for conferences at The Hague and arrange for a peace conference of women to be held at the same time and place as the peace conference at the end of the war.

The resolution referring to fortifications, which was passed yesterday, was modified today so that it now provides simply that the seas shall be open to all nations on equal terms.

Allies Drop Many Bombs Into Baden

AMSTERDAM, May 1.—"Allied airmen are displaying great activity over southern Baden," says the Berlin Lokai Anzeiger. "They paid four visits to Hattlingen on Wednesday, between 7 o'clock and noon, dropping bombs for the purpose of destroying the engineering works. Only one of these bombs scored a hit, however, causing little damage. Two men were wounded slightly."

"Seven other bombs were dropped on the town, one exploding at the railway station and greatly damaging two express engines and slightly wounding several people. Nine bombs dropped in the surrounding district fell harmless in the open fields."

British Ship Edale Sunk by Submarine

LONDON, May 1.—The British steamer Edale, from the river Platte, South America, for English ports, was sunk by a submarine today off the Solli islands. All of the Edale's crew were saved.

The Edale was a steamer of 2,000 tons net and was 225 feet long. It was owned by the Dale Steamship company of Middlesbrough, England. The Edale was built in 1901. It sailed from Montevideo, Uruguay, for England on March 2.

MRS. VAN HORN FOUND NOT GUILTY OF MURDER

MAION CITY, Ia., May 1.—(Special Telegram.)—The trial case being weak in all points of circumstantial evidence, Mrs. Charlotte Van Horn was found not guilty of murder today, Judge Edwards taking the case from the jury.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Sunday. For Omaha, Des Moines and vicinity. Showers; not much change in temperature. Temperatures at Omaha yesterday.

Hour	Temp.	Wind
5 a. m.	52	W 1-2
6 a. m.	52	W 1-2
7 a. m.	52	W 1-2
8 a. m.	52	W 1-2
9 a. m.	52	W 1-2
10 a. m.	52	W 1-2
11 a. m.	52	W 1-2
12 m.	52	W 1-2
1 p. m.	52	W 1-2
2 p. m.	52	W 1-2
3 p. m.	52	W 1-2
4 p. m.	52	W 1-2
5 p. m.	52	W 1-2
6 p. m.	52	W 1-2
7 p. m.	52	W 1-2

Comparative Local Record.

1915	1914	1913	1912	1911
Highest yesterday	70	65	65	65
Lowest yesterday	48	45	45	45
Mean temperature	61	55	55	55
Precipitation	1.15	0.00	0.00	0.00
Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:				
Normal temperature	61	55	55	55
Excess for the day	9	0	0	0
Total excess since March 1	107	0	0	0
Normal precipitation	1.15	0.00	0.00	0.00
Excess for the day	1.15	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total rainfall since March 1	1.15	0.00	0.00	0.00
Deficiency since March 1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Excess for cor. period, 1911-1915	1.15	0.00	0.00	0.00
Excess for cor. period, 1912-1915	1.15	0.00	0.00	0.00

ON THE WAY FROM FRONT TO REAR—Russian prisoners, captured by the Germans, taking a drink at a little stream in Poland while marching to their internment camp in Germany.



LABOR SITUATION IN CHICAGO ACUTE

Strike of Iron Workers Brings Number of Idle Members of Unions Up to 32,200.

125,000 MEN ARE AFFECTED

CHICAGO, May 1.—May 1 was ushered into Chicago today with the most serious labor situation in the building industry in fifteen years. By the addition of 1,200 bridge and structural iron workers the list of union workmen on strike or locked out was swelled to 32,200, as follows:

Carpenters (construction), 13,000; carpenters (millmen), 5,000; sheet metal workers, 1,500; lathers, 900; painters, 750; structural iron workers, 1,200. The strike of the iron workers forced idleness upon 5,000 others in allied trades, bringing the number of idle because of strikes and lockouts up to 125,000. The strike of the carpenters is said to be the keystone of the whole situation. If peace negotiations now on with them are successful it is generally believed the others will fall in line.

Coaster with Crew of Mexicans Sinks Near San Diego

SAN DIEGO, Cal., May 1.—The coastwise steamer Victoria, disabled by gales, probably sank early today, according to its pursuer, taking with it eleven of its crew.

A Tonescan, the pursuer, arriving here today with the vessel's passengers, said the Victoria, reported foundering last night off the Coronado Islands, just across the Mexican line, was nowhere visible today and undoubtedly went down.

The American Hawaiian steamer American took the passengers off last night in a gale. The Victoria was a small vessel owned by the Mexican Steamship company, and ran between San Diego and Ensenada.

Question Right of Germans to Appeal To Americans Direct

WASHINGTON, May 1.—Both the British and French embassies called the State department's attention to the German publication, making reference to its possible effect upon travel and subsequent results to the statements commented and brought up since the question of German embassy addressing itself directly to the public instead of through the State department.

Kansas City Man is Shot by Wife, Who Turns Gun On Self

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 1.—Louis Schweiger, president of a construction company, was shot and probably fatally wounded by his wife today in the corridor of the county court house. Mrs. Schweiger then shot herself and today his wife went to the court house to file a motion in the case.

Generous Rains In North and South

STURGIS, S. D., May 1.—(Special Telegram.)—A heavy rainstorm has been in progress in this vicinity since last night. While the storm may not be general in the Black Hills, snow is reported to have fallen in the upper hills to a depth of three inches. Here creeks are beginning to fill up and water is running in the gutters. The storm continues tonight.

China Rejects Some Of Most Menacing Demands of Japan

PEKING, May 1.—The Chinese government has definitely refused some of the most important demands made by Japan. On learning of China's decision, the Japanese minister, Eki Hoki, said to the Chinese foreign minister, Lu Cheng Hsiang:

"I am sorry. I believe my government will be disappointed."
The Chinese foreign minister at a meeting today of representatives of the two governments presented China's reply in the shape of a formal note. This note announced China's rejection of group V of the Japanese demands in its entirety.

This group, as originally submitted to China, contains what are perhaps the most important demands made by Japan. It provided among other things for employment by the Chinese government of "foremost Japanese" as political, financial and military advisers; participation by the Japanese in the policy administration of various important places; Japanese supervision over the manufacture or purchase by China of munitions of war, and for the granting to Japan of concessions for railway construction and mining and harbor operations.

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Live Stock Expert Says New Rates Will Penalize Long Haul

CHICAGO, May 1.—Tomlinson, secretary of the American Live Stock association, testified in the western commodity rate case today in opposition to requested advances in live stock rates. The witness said that cattle appear in many roles as revenue producers for the railroads.

"A Texas steer may be shipped to Wyoming for grading; from Wyoming to some market, where he is sold as a feeder and shipped to the feeding point; then he is shipped back to the market, and concluded his travels in a refrigerator car as out meat," said the witness.

The railroads seek to advance rates 24 cents a hundred in the west; 3 cents in the southwest on cattle, sheep and hogs, and 50 cents on horses and mules. "Rates from Iowa and Missouri," said Mr. Tomlinson, "are now 20 to 40 per cent. higher than the rates for similar distances under the Illinois, Iowa, or Missouri state distance scales. The bulk of traffic moves to the market under state scales, yet the carriers by this movement seek to penalize the interstate movement."

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KAISER WARNS ALL FROM BRITISH SHIPS

Advertisements in Eastern Papers Say Travel on Vessels of Germany's Foes Dangerous. MAY MEAN NEW SERIES OF RAIDS

WASHINGTON, May 1.—In an official notice published by the German embassy in many important cities of the United States this morning Americans were given renewed warning that the travel on ships flying the flags of Germany's enemies was at their own risk.

While the notice was regarded among officials and diplomats here as nothing more than a reiteration of Germany's first warning given when the war zone about the British Isles was announced, there was much interest in whether it foreshadowed increased activity of German submarines or possibly had to do with movements of the German fleet which has been variously reported of late as cruising in the North Sea.

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AMERICAN SHIP IS STRUCK BY BOMBS

Minister Van Dyke Reports Steamer Cushing Was Damaged by Missiles from German Aircraft.

NONE OF THE CREW IS KILLED

WASHINGTON, May 1.—American Minister Van Dyke, at The Hague, reported to the State department today that the American steamer Cushing, from Philadelphia for Rotterdam, was damaged by bombs dropped from German aircraft in the North sea, but that no lives were lost.

The report was brief, transmitting a message from the American consul at Rotterdam, where the Cushing arrived yesterday. It gave no indication of the nature or extent of the damage.

Officials here said the case was the first of its kind during the present war and that so far as they could recollect, there was no precedent in other wars. While there are no international conventions, specifically covering the incident, it was generally believed today that representations would be made to Germany with request for payment of damages.

It was not thought in official quarters that any serious issue would be raised because it is accepted that the bombs were not dropped deliberately, but under the impression that a hostile vessel was being attacked.

The Cushing had \$40,000 insurance on its hull and cargo, issued by the government war risk bureau. It is a Standard Oil ship formerly under German registry and named the Prometheus.

Russian Coal Ship Destroyed.
LONDON, May 1.—The Russian 3,000-ton steamer Sworno, bearing Welch coal to Archangel, a Russian port on the White sea, was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine believed to be the U-33 on Friday at noon near the Hasket Islands, on the west coast of Ireland.

The Sworno's crew of twenty-four men, mostly Russians, barely had time to take to the boats when the vessel sank. All were rescued by a patrol boat.

Governor of Iowa Signs Frank Petition

DES MOINES, Ia., May 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Governor Clarke today signed a petition asking that the sentence of Leo M. Frank, sentenced to death for the murder of a girl factory employe in Atlanta, Ga., be commuted to a life term. The petition was presented to the governor by Maurice B. Kovan, national secretary of the Anti-Capital Punishment Society of America.

Los Angeles Will Vote on Jitney Bus Proposition

LOS ANGELES, May 1.—Voters are to determine at a general city election, June 1, whether 5-cent fare automobiles shall continue in operation here. As a result of a resolution passed by the city council yesterday putting the motor-bus question to the electorate, hundreds of 5-cent buses were parading the streets today advertising council municipal candidates who have announced themselves as opposed to "taxing the buses out of business."

The resolution passed by the council also puts up to the voters an initiative ordinance offered by the Auto Bus Owners' and Operators' association to supplement a tax measure recently passed by the council over the mayor's veto. The initiative measure would cut bus taxes from 60 to 55 a year and eliminate an indemnity bond requirement.

Methodist Bishops Accept Overture of Unity from South

DES MOINES, Ia., May 1.—The board of bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church, in session here today, accepted the overture on church unity made by the Methodist Episcopal church, south. The resolution of acceptance was adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

The formal response to the overture must be made by the general conference, the bishops stated in the announcement of their action to be sent to the applying church body.

Great Shortage of Labor in War Works

LONDON, Tuesday, April 28.—How serious is the shortage of labor in the British factories which are turning out munitions of war for the allied armies and navies is shown by a visit to one of the largest of these plants, that of Armstrong-Whitworth, at New Castle. Visitors are allowed in the works only by permit and parts of the establishment are then sealed to observers.

"At the present moment," said a representative of the firm, "we urgently need about 2,000 skilled mechanics to operate at full capacity the machinery now in the plant. We could easily use 6,000."

Fremont College Has Class of Forty-Eight

FREMONT, Neb., May 1.—Forty-eight students, comprising the largest class in the history of the Fremont High school, will receive their diplomas at the commencement exercises June 4 with the class of 1914, which graduated at the end of the first semester. The total number of graduates from the school this year is fifty-eight. There are thirty-two girls and sixteen boys. Miss Louise Welland finished with high honors and will be valedictorian. Miss Welland's mark was 91.5. Rev. W. H. Bus, pastor of the First Congregational church, will preach the baccalaureate sermon Sunday, May 30.

EARTH SHOCKS RECORDED IN WASHINGTON AND LONDON

WASHINGTON, May 1.—Earthquake shocks, described by scientific observers at Georgetown university here, as unusually severe and probably destructive, were recorded on the seismographs there between 12:15 a. m. and 2 a. m. The tremors continued about two hours and reached the greatest intensity at 12:45 a. m., at an estimated distance from Washington of 3,500 miles.

FLANDERS AGAIN CRITICAL ARENA OF OPERATIONS

Germany's Persistent Attempt to Occupy Coast Nearest to England Excites Much Alarm in London.

HIDDEN BIG GUNS ARE FOUND

British Aviators Drop Bombs Among Batteries Which Hurled Huge Shells Into Dunkirk.

GERMANS IN BALTIC PROVINCES

The Day's War News

GALLI POLI PENINSULA, which forms the European side of the Dardanelles, is described in unofficial dispatches as being gradually cut off from the mainland by the British and French forces. It is said to be no longer possible for the Turks to pass back and forth between European and Asiatic sides of the strait.

CONSTANTINOPLE OFFICIAL reports state that the Turks are making consistent headway in their attacks against the land and sea forces of the allies.

SITUATION IN FLANDERS shows little change, although the French claim a further advance for the allies. Ten more shells fell in Dunkirk last night, killing or injuring several persons.

FIGHTING CONTINUES all along the extended Balkan front. Chief interest now attaches to the new German movement in the north aimed apparently at the Baltic provinces of Russia.

BERLIN ANNOUNCEMENT says all attacks yesterday of the allies against the German positions on the canal north of Ypres, Belgium, were repulsed.

RUSSIAN STEAMER was sunk off the west coast of Ireland by a German submarine. The crew was saved.

LONDON, May 1.—The developments on the northern extremities of the two fronts, both east and west; the shelling of Dunkirk in France and the new German offensive movement aimed at the Baltic provinces take precedence in the war news of today.

British aviators have discovered and attacked the German batteries, which from a distance variously estimated by English observers at from sixteen to even twenty-eight miles, hurled great shells at the French port, but it remains to be seen whether the bombs dropped did enough damage to put the guns out of action.

London newspapers commenting on this bombardment say the Germans still cling to their cherished idea of occupying the French coast nearest England, and more than one official source today points out that Flanders still remains the critical theater of operations.

German Thrust Into Russia.
Special dispatches from Petrograd disagree as to the purpose of the German thrust at the extreme Russian right. One theory connects it with probable movements of the German fleet in the Baltic looking to the invasion of the Baltic provinces. Another idea is that this advance is aimed at Libau and Riga, the former a strong Russian naval base, and the latter one of the most important ports on the Baltic. Or the Germans may intend to strike at the railroad running from Petrograd to Warsaw by way of Dneuburg and Vilna. Further south the Germans have failed in their repeated attempts to get this line.

The official statement concerning the Dardanelles seems to have reassured the British public that their army is fairly well established in the landing operations, but at the same time it indicated much fighting must ensue before a firm grip is established.

Bombardment Impresses Britons.
The British public has been greatly impressed by the German bombardment of Dunkirk, which is believed in military circles here must have been from a distance of from eighteen to twenty miles. The Times says the incident is of small importance from a military standpoint, but that it brings the war closer to England.

Germans Hail Rush Into Baltic Region with Great Delight

BERLIN, May 1.—(By Wireless to Sagville, N. Y.)—The German advance in the northeast is being hailed generally with expressions of satisfaction and surprise. Nothing was known of such a movement, although, judging by the fact that troops are already over fifty miles from Memel, the march must have begun some days ago.

Local military experts point out that Memel, where the fighting is proceeding, is to the east of the line between Kovno and Vilna, the two points which are indispensable to the protection of the Vistula and Warsaw.

The fact that the troops had advanced so far without being discovered is commented upon as an indication that the scouting service of the Russians is no better today than it was during the Russo-Japanese war. It is declared here that the Russian commander faces the possibility of the cutting off of his line communications unless he abandons his forces and the line of the river, or throws the invaders back.

There is a town called Shavli in the center of the Russian province of Kovno, about fifty miles from the frontier of East Prussia. The spelling Shavli probably is the German rendering of Shavli.

HUNGARIANS CUT OUT SMOKING FOR A DAY

VENICE, May 1.—Throughout Hungary today is being observed as "abstain from smoking" day. Every smoker will be expected to abstain from using either pipe, cigar or cigarette and to give the money thus saved to a fund for invalid soldiers.

SIXTH DIVISION OF SWISS ARMY CALLED

BERNE, Switzerland, May 1.—(Via Paris.)—The federal council decided today to call out the Sixth division of the Swiss army.